UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT MIDDLE DISTRICT OF FLORIDA TAMPA DIVISION Office ...

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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

CASE NO: 8:03-Cr-77-T-30TBM

VS.

SAMI AL-ARIAN

## AFFIDAVIT OF PATRICK D. DOHERTY, ESQUIRE

Before me, personally appeared PATRICK D. DOHERTY, ESQUIRE, who after being duly sworn, deposed and said:

- 1. I am a member of the Florida Bar and have practiced in Pinellas County, Florida for twenty-nine (29) years;
- 2. I am employed with the law office of Jeffrey G. Brown, P.A., and am assisting Mr. Brown with his representation of the Defendant, Sami Al-Arian, pursuant to his appointment under the Criminal Justice Act;
- 3. I have substantial experience in the defense of criminal cases including cases similar in nature and charge to the charges in the above referenced case;
- 4. Your Affiant was scheduled to go to Coleman U.S.P. to consult with his client, Sami Al-Arian, on Thursday, June 5, 2003, following the Status Conference before The Honorable James S. Moody, Jr.;
- 5. As usual, we faxed to the institution and followed up with a phone call stating the intention to visit Dr. Al-Arian;
- 6. About one (1) hour before Affiant left Tampa he received a call telling him there was a "problem". The "problem" as described by the institution was that Jeff Brown and I had entered an agreement with Ms. Potts which said that we would give the institution twenty-four (24) hours notice before coming to see Dr. Al-Arian;



7. Your Affiant replied that he had not only not agreed to that further restriction on Dr. Al-Arian, but that he had never and would never agree to any part of Dr. Al-Arian's

continued confinement;

8. When your Affiant asked to speak to Ms. Potts about this alleged agreement he

was told that this was not possible but that the agreement occurred the day we misrouted our

fax request to see Dr. Al-Arian;

9. That was a total perversion of reality - the fax was sent to Ms. Potts, received

by her office, a confirmation was received by this office and a phone call to Ms. Potts was

made and received verifying the content of the fax;

10. That was the day the door was jammed open at the institution, thus preventing

an attorney from entering while dozens of non-lawyers freely moved through the open

doorway;

11. The Defendant that day, as he is every day, was in his cell at least twenty-three

(23) hours. The necessity for twenty-four (24) hours notice is not clear to the Affiant. What is

clear is that the institution is capable of locating Dr. Al-Arian on rather shorter notice than

twenty-four (24) hours;

12. The Affiant not only made no agreement that day but it would be fair to say the

Affiant's mood was disagreeable, in general;

13. Nonetheless, based on some talk that an agreement was made, the Affiant was

denied the ability to consult with his client;

14. The Affiant fully believes this pattern of activity is designed to punish Dr. Al-

Arian before any adjudication of his case and to deny him his Sixth Amendment rights, and

simultaneously deliver an enormous strategic advantage to the prosecution which doesn't need

to cope with such obvious efforts to frustrate them in preparation of their case.

Further Affiant sayeth not.

Afforney at Law

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## STATE OF FLORIDA **COUNTY OF PINELLAS**

The foregoing was acknowledged before me this day of fue, 2003, by
PATRICK D. DOHERTY, ESQUIRE, who is personally known to meder who has produced
as identification and who did take an oath.

JONI S. VIETTO

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